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EVENT

USSOCOM Rapid Capability Assessment (RCA) 17 Event

20-24 April 2026

Event Outcomes

On 20 - 24 April 2026, SOFWERX and ICWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM's Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T) and the Intelligence Community, hosted the seventeenth Rapid Capabilities Assessment (RCA) Event in Chantilly, VA. The intent of this event was to bring together Special Operations Forces (SOF) and IC personnel, industry, academia, national laboratories, and futurists in an exploration, design thinking, facilitated event to assist USSOCOM and the IC in decomposing future scenarios and missions.

The theme of RCA17 was, 'Field-Forward Operations – Future Challenges for SOF and the IC in Data Dense Environments'.

- Out of 698 submissions, 39 SMEs were downselected to participate in the event.
- 37 Government representatives participated onsite.
- 48 additional Government representatives, to include VIP representatives and senior leadership, observed the Event Out-Brief virtually and onsite.
- Path forward: An Event Summary will be sent to participants in the next few weeks. In addition, the Government Stakeholders are in planning phases for the Technical Sprint Evaluation 17.

